

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dale R. Coates was born on June 20, 1925, at Ramona, South Dakota, to John and Cora Coates; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Dale married Nathalie Schmeling on October 13, 1965, and they are blessed with 7 children: Anita, Colleen, Sandra, Robert, Giselle, Bob and Lori, who in turn have added to the family 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Dale is a WWII veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart; and,

Whereas, Dale enjoys creating things in his garage for his children and grandchildren, playing cards, playing practical jokes on everyone, but most of all, spending time with his family; and,

Whereas, It is only fitting that Dale celebrate his 80th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives will gather to honor him on June 18, 2005, and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

